

Crufts

Saturday 7th March 2009

A very large entry but very disappointing to judge. The movement on the majority of these dogs and bitches was quite unbelievable from crossing in front, upright in pasterns, upright in shoulders and it became very soul destroying watching so many bad, unsound movers. My class winner I was pleased with but not all perfect. Good for type and balance but some not very tidy on the move.

PGB This class was unbelievable to judge. How some of these bitches qualified for Crufts I will never know. The Kennel Club buzz word at the moment is 'fit for purpose'. Not only did they cross in front but many behind. I think the situation for Pointers is serious.

VETERAN DOG

1st Welch's Sh Ch/Ir S Hookwood Top Man JW. Given him top honours before. Grand specimen of the breed. Lovely head, good front, moved well fore and aft, winning here in a very good class of veterans.

2nd Fowler's Sh Ch Scobec Lookindapper. Very close to one. Another good dog, nice expressive head, good front assembly, balance sound throughout.

3rd Macmanus' Crookrise Wide Awake.

SPECIAL PUPPY DOG

1st Tibbs' Raigmore Dusk Till Dawn. Good little puppy, has all the right things about him, head, front, bone play in his pasterns, good feet and moved well for a puppy and nice over the croup and tail set.

2nd Moore's Pharises Sirius. Good shape head, dark eye, expressive look, well built for bone, moved okay.

3rd Westron's Aurichalcum Lord Beckett of Castlepoint.

SPECIAL JUNIOR DOG

1st O'Neill's Hurwyn Some Might Say. I was quite impressed with this young dog. Correct head not over done in any way, nicely arched neck, well laid shoulders, good bone, balanced body, deep chest, level topline, correct hindquarters and feet, moved soundly, must have big future.

2nd Anthony's Jilony Just Amazin. There is a lot to like about this young dog. Has all the essentials and looking at my judging book I like the stuff from this kennel, but for me he is upright in pasterns.

3rd Kelleher and Waters' Teisgoh Sancerre.

YEARLING DOG

1st Drake's Clamerkin Crystal Mountain JW. Good Pointer head, dark eye, a little upright in fore arm but good lay back in upper arm, good bone, legs and lay of pasterns, well made behind, moved quite well.

2nd Jones' Dappleline Euphoria with Dottymix. Beautiful head and expression, not the best of fronts, good feet but straight in pasterns, a little longer cast than one, nice tail set, well angulated behind and moved well.

3rd Gordon's Hawkfield Let Go Crackers.

POST GRADUATE DOG

1st Brice's Willowdrove Jigsaw Lee. Not my type of head but body wise in very good condition, good shoulders, front assembly, nice leg and feet, well made behind, moved very well sound which won him this class.

2nd Adams-Heighway's Bursleygrange Hugo. Good head, neck length, into well made shoulder, nice bone, good pasterns and feet. Short coupled, well made behind, moved quite well.

3rd Bottoms and Alexander's Teddyhawks.

MID-LIMIT DOG

1st Rose and Williams' Ridanflight Rockhampton. Orange and white, well proportioned head, lovely eye, deep chest, well angulated shoulders, well muscled hindquarters, moved well.

2nd Carter's Andronja Painted Black of Querdon. Not a bad type, shorter coupled than one, not too good in pasterns, good behind, moved quite well.

3rd Miller Jilony Rapids ShCM.

LIMIT DOG

1st Wilberg's Jilony Freedom with Kanix. Lots to like about this dog, super head, nice arch neck. His only downfall is that he is a bit straight in shoulders but saying that everything else about him is quite outstanding. He is well constructed and moves with purpose and drive. Pleased to give him the RCC.

2nd Stilgoe's Teisgol King Henry ShCM. Good constructed dog, unlucky to meet one on the day. Handsome head, real intelligent expression. Short coupled, moved quite well.

3rd Gordon's Hawkfield Dapper in Black JW.

OPEN DOG

1st Martin's Jilony Believe in Sunhouse ShCM. Good class of dogs. My winner for me was quite outstanding. Pleasing head, good front assembly, deep chest, good bone, lovely feet and pasterns. Short couple right in stifle and second thigh. Pleased to give him CC & BOB.

2nd Sillince's Sh Ch Tomlow Brief Encounter. Another very good dog, in top condition, worthy champion, good shoulder angulation and overall good construction and moved well.

3rd Masters and Pavey's Sh Ch Manchela Innuendo.

FIELD TRIAL DOG (0)

SPECIAL WORKING GUNDOG DOG

1st Westaway's Penwest Palamedes

2nd Fall's Jilony White Diamond

GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME DOG

1st Stilgoe's Teisgol King Henry ShCM

2nd Hamilton's Hawkfield Lets Get Rowdy JW

3rd Luke's Sniperay Solstice Son

VETERAN BITCH

1st Naden's Sh Ch Trendmere Dark Star Over Wychwood ShCM. Pleasing head, darkest of eyes. Well crested neck, layback of shoulder and upper arm good front. Liked everything about her, moved very sound.

2nd Hinton's Sh Ch Hookwood Pretty Woman by Fleurfield JW. Looking good for age. Can see why she is a champion. Lovely soft expression, balanced throughout, moved well.

3rd Hurwyn Lillie Savage of Tragus JW.

SPECIAL PUPPY BITCH

1st Goodes' Handsway Tanya Zoom. My BP. Lovely feminine head and very expressive and sharpe face, tidy front. Neat, well manicured feet, good lay of pasterns and super front extension on the move. Hope she has a big future.

2nd Blowers' Bonnygate Kariage Queen of Deadway (AV). Another super puppy. Has everything going for her, head, shoulders, lovely bone, good feet, grand shape behind, nice tail but did not move as positive as one. Will change places as they grow on.

3rd Thompson's Jilony Jump For Joy with Phoexe.

SPECIAL JUNIOR BITCH

1st Kelleher Waters and Stilgoe's Ruby Rosehyde. Nice type, pleasing body shape, acceptable head with good planes. Nicely angulated like a lot in this class, good in profile but not so clever on the move.

2nd Gordon's Hawkfield Sea Siren. Good in head, good body shape, nice bone and moved soundly but upright in pasterns which is thing that I don't like.

3rd Thompson's Jilony Jump For Joy With Phoexe.

YEARLING BITCH

1st Crawte's Bestina Black Opel at Leasciffe JW ShCM. Proper Pointer, black and white. Beautiful balanced head, long neck. Because her shoulders are so right level topline nice over the croup and tail set. Lovely bone, good pasterns and feet, well angulated behind into short hocks, must have a very good future.

2nd Flint's Casilex Black Ice. Another good bitch. Lovely expression, well angulated shoulders, a bit longer cast than one and not quite as positive on the move.

3rd Josey's Parkpoint Days of Wine & Roses.

POST GRADUATE BITCH

1st Anthony's Jilony Loco-Motion. Nice balanced bitch, good head planes, reach of neck, well laid shoulders, would like to see more play in pasterns but good tight feet, in profile would make a nice picture, moved well.

2nd Stangroom's Medogold Wannabeposh for Lappakia. Longer cast than one, quite a nice head, good rib cage, nicely made behind, not pleased with pasterns, good feet, moved well.

3rd Klein-Woolthuis' Haxalgate Theine.

MID LIMIT BITCH

1st Masters and Pavey's Truly Scrumptious at Manchela. Put down in wonderful condition. Shine on coat correct, head and body proportions balanced outline. Moved well.

2nd Rose and Williams' Ridanflight Rangiora. One that I've placed high as a puppy but today she just did not thrill but also didn't do too much wrong. Pleasant head, plenty of scope, moved quite well.

3rd Hinton's Carmelfair Evian.

LIMIT BITCH

1st Williams and Rose's Ridanflight Ruahine at Kanix. One of the best in profile that I would judge all day if you wanted. A model of a Pointer, you would start with this bitch, striking head, excellent head, good over the shoulders, right height for a bitch, good feminine bone, well angulated behind, moved away sound as a pound but let herself down in front movement - pity.

2nd Dyer's Sharnphilly Complimentary. Speckled black and white, nice head, good legs and feet, slightly upright in fore arm but good lay back. Good topline, nice tail set of the group, short tail, moved sound enough.

3rd Purdy's Medogold Castaspell over Cascagnia.

OPEN BITCH

1st Blackburn-Bennett's Chesterhope North N Breez at Kanix (IMP). A real good bitch, nice head, good front assembly, well made feet and pasterns, balanced throughout, good over the back end, strong hindquarters, covered the ground with ease and most importantly sound fore and aft. My CC winner, plenty tall enough for a bitch.

2nd Wilkinson's Hurwyn Eau De Cologne. Balanced bitch, good in head and shoulders, tidy feminine bone, would like to see more angulation behind but moved soundly RCC.

3rd Parsons' Pipeaway Polly Garters.

FIELD TRIAL BITCH

1st Blower's Bonnygate Just A Madam For Deadaway

SPECIAL WORKING GUNDOG BITCH

1st Young's Aurichalcum Two To Tango

2nd Huxley's Woodfleet Siennarain

3rd Westron's Ch/Ir Ch Aurichalcum The Avenger

GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME BITCH

1st Standgroom's Medogold Wannabeposh for Lappakia

2nd Anderson Rowell's Wyndhead Mette Marit

3rd Walton's Esrews Serenade at Pointmoor

Clive Davies - Judge